

TALKING PAPER

ON

RELEVANT/IRRELEVANT SCREENING TEST FOR DETAINEE OPERATIONS

- From 1 Aug 04 through 15 Oct 06 the USAF Polygraph Program conducted a total of 768 polygraph examinations of detainee personnel inside the Iraqi theater of operation. An analysis of the test results identified the following trends:
 - No Deception Indicated (47%), Deception Indicated (46%), No Opinion (7%). Generally speaking, detainee personnel are just as likely to have committed the suspected act as not.
 - The overwhelming majority of examinations are requested to determine a detainee's involvement in multiple acts of anti-coalition force activity (i.e. weapons smuggling, IED making, armed attack against coalition forces, membership/association with insurgent groups, etc...).
 - Only 10% of requests for polygraph support contain sufficiently detailed information for the conduct of specific issue exams currently utilized by the USAF Polygraph Program.
 - 90% of tests conducted in support of detainee operations are by definition screening examinations wherein the examiner is called to resolve numerous and divergent issues based on extremely generic, anonymous, and perishable reporting.
- Deployed examiners supporting detainee operations, working within current guidance and at the direction of HQ AFOSI/DOZP, have utilized specific issue formats exclusively in what is primarily a screening environment.
 - AFOSI Instruction 71-103, Vol 7, 29 Aug 2000, does not authorize the use of a polygraph technique suitable for the screening of detainee personnel who are *potentially* involved in multiple unrelated, unsubstantiated, and wide-ranging acts against coalition forces. Use of specific issue formats in this unique environment compels our examiners to combine suspected criminal acts against coalition forces into broadly worded relevant questions.
- The DOD approved Relevant/Irrelevant Screening Test (R/IST) is designed to efficiently determine an individual's potential involvement in a wide array of unlawful activities. Test data analysis methodologies associated with the R/I technique identify areas of significant response among the relevant matters examined, thereby allowing a more focused and useful exploitation of test results.
 - The R/IST format offers greater utility to interrogators since multiple unrelated issues can be tested during a single examination, resulting in fewer re-examinations of the same detainee.
 - R/IST does not require the use of comparison questions...completely eliminating the possibility that cultural differences will influence the outcome of a particular exam.
 - During 2003, R/IST was temporarily approved and used for detainee operations in Afghanistan with great success...offering a useful alternative to our standard techniques.
- Comprehensive formal training in R/IST is required for proficiency since this technique has not been used for any type of polygraph testing since inception of the USAF Polygraph Program.
 - ~~Estimated training cost for AFOSI Polygraph Examiners (x31): \$25K.~~

SA (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) /HQ USAF Polygraph Program/ (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) 23 Oct 06

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Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned -

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: **9 Jan – 17 May 2008**

2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: **100**

SOURCE: **0**

CSP: **0**

~~OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 0~~

~~GRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 0~~

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: **4**

4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?

I have two deployments in support of detainee operations and discovered the polygraph technique is used more frequently as an interrogation technique than to resolve an unknown issue. In many cases there is clear evidence to indicate a detainee's involvement in an anti-coalition activity (pictures, video, weapons, IED residue, etc.). Because the interrogator cannot get information from the detainee, they request polygraph support in the face of direct evidence of involvement. The idea is to use the failed polygraph test as a "hammer" against the detainee. Over two deployments and nearly 240 exams, I have only seen one occasion where such an approach produced anything of value.

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams. **I cannot think of one exam or type of exam that had much of an impact at all. Again, failed exams never produced anything of value.**

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary. **See item 5.**

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

Despite the best efforts of all involved, I believe something is always lost in translation. Here are a few things I don't know as the examiner:

1) Have the questions been accurately translated?

- 2) Are the questions being asked as there were translated?
- 3) Has the interpreter intentionally or unintentionally stressed a word or question over another?
- 4) During the pretest interview, has the interpreter said something to the detainee that may affect the exam results?
- 5) Does the examiner have a preconceived notion of the detainee's guilt or innocence. (In many cases the interpreter has participated in several interrogations of a detainee being given the polygraph exam.)

Imagine conducting a criminal substantive exam stateside when you were not certain of the answers to the above questions. Your confidence in the result would not be high. I know we have no choice but to conduct exams through an interpreter but that doesn't change the fact that these are real issues that can affect our confidence in the results. In short, I know my job and my intent but I have little control over the interpreter.

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8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

After two deployments ~~at the JMC~~, my advice to any examiner doing exams in that environment is this: move through the process quickly. I do not believe anything is gained by trying to apply polygraph techniques as taught and applied within our culture. I obtained definitive results (DI or NDI) more frequently by explaining all questions in brief terms.

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. -1
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. 0
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized.+1
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly.+1
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory.+1
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners.-1
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph.+1
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support.-1
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases.-1
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment.+1
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners).-1
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly.+1
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems.-1

- n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ/DOEP~~. -1
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. +1
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. +1
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. +1
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. +1
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. +1
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. -1
- u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. 0

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: **140**

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): **9**

12. Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): **17**

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

Item a: To my knowledge, the results of a polygraph are largely inconsequential to the disposition of a detainee.

Item b: Often there is no way to know whether or not the final call is correct, thus, it is rare to know if anything was actually resolved.

Item c: If we conducted exams only on detainees where there was actually a question of guilt or innocence (instead of testing everyone the interrogators cannot get to talk – which is nearly all of them), we would do about half the exams we do. If that were the case, one examiner at that location would be sufficient.

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I have serious questions as to the accuracy of exams done in this environment. I believe any honest, objective examiner would say the same thing but I'll leave that to others. I think the decision was made to contribute to the war effort with polygraph (detainee (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) with little regard to the problems associated with doing these in this environment and culture or accuracy. As a result, we don't know if what we are doing is helpful we're just doing them.

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned

SA (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates:

27 Aug 2007 – 10 Jan 2008

2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 118

SOURCE: 2

CSP: 0

OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 0

CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 0

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 0

4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?

The JIDC/CC and JIDC/CV both stated our polygraph teams efforts conducting polygraph exams over four months contributed to an increase in actionable intelligence and IIR reporting from the Interrogation Control Element (ICE).

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

I can think of several, however the three following seem to stand out.

(1) I was requested by SA (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (CIP) and SA (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (EDet, Bahad) to polygraph an Iraqi Detainee. (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) stated I was the only examiner available at the time. The Detainee turned out to be the Iraqi source involved in the killings of our three SI agents at Bahad on 2 Nov 2008. The detainee had already confessed to his involvement to the case agents and an Iraqi judge. Upon arriving at Cropper he immediately recanted all the information he previously provided. Detainee was polygraphed on two separate polygraph series and was Deception Indicated to the relevant issues on each series. Before I departed Iraq, I was advised by OSI agents in the SDE the information gleaned from the Detainee after the during and after the polygraph led to the arrest of an Iraqi National Guard Captain who provided transportation to the IED bombers and the individual who built the IED which killed the three OSI agents.

(2) I conducted a polygraph examination on an Iraqi Detainee for the ~~QIA~~. The Detainee was accused of traveling to and from Syria and being involved in the transport of Foreign Fighters (FF) from Southern Syria to Iraq. Detainee denied any involvement in this

activity and claimed to be an invalid. Detainee failed all four questions on a four question MGQT. ~~NSA~~ agent told the Detainee the polygraph examination indicated he was lying about all relevant issues on the test. Detainee dropped his cover story and confessed to being involved in transporting FF into Iraq for quite a while. He divulged his modus operandi for locating, identifying and providing FF transportation.

(3) I conducted a polygraph examination on an Iraqi detainee. The detainee had denied having anything to do with IED/EFM materials. Several containers were unearthed by US forces in detainee's back yard containing IED/EFM parts. The polygraph examination clearly showed Detainee had knowledge of these IED/EFM parts. Subsequent interrogation determined Detainee and his family had been evicted from their home. Detainee had been approached by an Iraqi citizen and offered the Detainee 1.2 million dinars. The Iraqi citizen provided the Detainee with 1.2 million dinar to rent a house. Detainee advised the citizen would show up at his house two to three times a week asking to place items in the back yard. Detainee felt obligated due to the fact the citizen gave him the money to rent the house. About a month after moving into the house Coalition Forces raided the back yard and found IED/EFM parts buried in the back yard. Detainee subsequently directed them to additional burial sites in the back yard. Detainee subsequently provided information about the citizen who lent him the money to rent the house. The citizen turned out to be the leader of one of the most active IED/EFM cells in the Baghdad area, and is currently on the top of the Baghdad HVT list.

~~There were several others.~~

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

None

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

(1) Polygraphs at Cropper are conducted in the SDE (Strategic Debriefing Element). It is a building with ~~30 or more interrogation booths~~. Originally when I got there we had one booth for polygraphs. The one booth was sufficient when running an average of ~~10~~ polygraphs a week. However, our polygraph tempo started at ~~10~~ and quickly exceeded ~~10~~ exams a week. We asked for and received a second polygraph booth. There is always one ~~NSA~~ examiner and one ~~NSA~~ examiner teamed up at all times. ~~NSA~~ examiners use the (b)(7)(E) and ~~NSA~~ uses the (b)(7)(E). The extra booth allowed for simultaneous polygraphs to be conducted and no loss of time for tear down and moving of polygraph instruments.

(2) One of the biggest drawbacks of the SDE is that there is no sound deadening materials in the polygraph rooms. The floors are bare and there are false ceilings throughout the

building. When polygraphs are being conducted in the Theater Interrogation Facility (TIF), the guards are processing the detainee's scheduled for the next iteration. Many times the guards have to yell at the detainee's and it can carry throughout the building. Many times interrogators finish their iterations early and stand in the hall and talk, including just outside the polygraph booths. We developed polygraph signs which were placed in the hall while we were in operation, however it did not stop all the noise. Improvements have been scheduled such as carpeting the floors, insulating the polygraph booths with wall coverings. The problem is you have two distinct and different cultures operating in the same space, interrogations which are usually loud and noisy and polygraph which generally works better with no outside noise.

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. +1
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. +1
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. (-1)
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. (-1)
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. (+1)
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. (-1)
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. (+1)
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. (+1)
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. (+1)
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. (+1)
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). (0)
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. (+1)
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. (0)
- n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HEADQUARTERS~~. (0)
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. (0)
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. (0)
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. (0)
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. (+1)
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. (+1)
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. (+1)

u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. (+1)

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: Less than 5

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 12

12. Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 33

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

Remove [When I was preparing to deploy in Aug 07, I asked DP at Nellis AFB to provide me with a CAC containing my SSAN on the back. This was required as indicated on my processing checklist. DP at Nellis declined to give me a CAC with my SSAN on the back. Instead they issued me a paper Geneva Convention card. Their excuse was that their regulations said Chaplains and Medical people were the only persons allowed a CAC card with SSAN on back. When I arrived in Qatar, I was not allowed to in process the country due to the fact I did not have a CAC card with a SSAN on the back. They were determining whether or not to deport me back to the CONS. Fortunately, DP at Qatar issued me the correct CAC card. I then was allowed to proceed to Iraq.] *Remove*

omit [In Dec 07 – Jan 08, I was assisting (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) to make his travel to Iraq and in processing at Cropper easy. ~~I told him about the CAC card incident and said to make sure he had the appropriate card before he got to Qatar, so he did not have to experience the same thing as me. He tried hard by DP at Lackland AFB told him the same story I heard at Nellis AFB. John was also held up at Qatar for lack of the appropriate CAC card being issued at his home station.~~] *omit*

omit [Now this may all stem from a clash of USAF Regulations. However, I do not think (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and I are the only agents to experience this. Someone needs to change the regulation to indicate civilian OSI agents require the CAC card with the SSAN on the back. It is required for access to the dining facility, BX and other places, most importantly TO TRANSIT QATAR to and from Iraq.] *omit*

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: 5 Jan-13 May 07

2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 90

~~SOURCE: 1~~

~~GSP: 0~~

~~OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 4~~

~~CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 1~~

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 8

4. **What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?**

I feel the polygraph mission within Detainee Operations at Camp Cropper is not used effectively. The interrogators that I worked with did not fully understand how to use our services and despite multiple educational briefings and pre-test coordination discussions, they utilize us as a "check in the box" instead of as an interrogation tool. The Detainees themselves lack a sense of jeopardy when taking the test due to being re-captures who already understand the system and polygraph process having been tested before. At times the interrogators do not use the results honestly and will tell an individual who was NDI that he did not pass the test which renders the test and the validity of the results useless to the detainees. The interrogators themselves did not have the proper security clearances to view information within capture packages which left a gaping hole in both the pre-test coordination to determine what the detainee was accused of being involved with and the test questions themselves. The background and information provided to run tests did not have specific information necessary to "re-walk" the detainee through what he was accused of. A huge obstacle is the way the detainees' are not examined from a law enforcement perspective of reviewing any evidence (IED reports for fingerprints, type of explosive, pictures from scene of attack etc) and are only looked at for intelligence purposes- for which the information they provide is usually atmospheric and fabricated. The R/I screening test also turned out to be somewhat of a problem. The only detainee's I felt comfortable using that type of test on were those where not enough information existed from speaking with the interrogator or examining their dossier and capture package. The detainee's who presented that background were normally the ones everyone felt were at the wrong place at the wrong time and might not have any culpability in the crimes they were accused of. The R/I screening test has a very low percentage rate of NDI results and therefore I felt as if I were unfairly administering a "DI" test to an individual who might actually be NDI. The results of a DI R/I test were extremely frustrating to the interrogators who did not understand the concept of "ranking" the threat level of the questions and the fact that if they were DI to one question they were DI to all of the questions. The R/I test ended up being inflammatory when providing the results to

the interrogators because they did not understand what it meant or how to use it and caused more problems overall than a standard MGQT did.

The meetings we were required to attend also provided an added unnecessary stress. As examiners we should be in the booth conducting tests or sitting down with the interrogators reviewing test questions etc. There is no need to sit at endless staff meetings, daily update briefings, rehearsals on transporting detainees to different buildings etc. It is a waste of time and we are not engineers or personnelists who have any background to provide contributing opinions in those areas.

I think overall, it was frustrating at times because I felt as if the results of my work did not amount to anything that really contributed to the war on terror or our efforts in Iraq. The results were not used effectively and what we do sounds wonderful to the leadership and command at the JIDC, but they don't understand the traditional processes we use as examiners in a normal environment.

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

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The only test I feel was of importance and that polygraph had a successful impact on was a CS test I ran for the local detachment dealing with the death of AF EOD members in a VBIED. It was a successful test because the case agents listened to and understood what I needed as the examiner and we were able to specifically involve both intelligence and criminal facts into the pre-test coordination and the test itself. It reflected the difference in how AFOSI handles an "investigation" for both law enforcement and intelligence value verses how the interrogators vaguely search for any intelligence value.

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

I can't remember which test was the least important because there were honestly so many exams that just didn't seem to have impact. There are only so many tests you can turn down before it looks like you are trying to just avoid working and running tests. I provided many briefings and emails on the information necessary to conduct a test. It got to the point where I would personally review the detainee's electronic dossier to extract the details I needed and then sit down with the interrogator to explain what would be a testable issue. At times they appreciated it, and at times they resented it and thought we as examiners didn't understand the information they were interested in. The most worthless test questions seemed to be "have you ever been involved in attacking coalition forces" which was the requested question 70% of the time. It took going through the file myself to extract specific attacks the detainee was involved in and what their particular role was to form a pretest discussion and valuable test question for the interrogators who are apathetic at times.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

A huge limiting factor as stated above was the quality of the interrogators and their security clearance levels. The requests were written off of the generic template and usually didn't have the correct or enough information. The interpreters for the most part were great to work with, but most of them have been there for years and feel as though they themselves know more than the examiner. There are also new interpreters who did not understand the process and were difficult to work with. The Arabic language itself presents an obstacle due to the different translations and dialect and at times the wrong translation of the question was noted by other interpreters. The (b)(7)(E) process at times is frustrating because the ~~QI~~ examiners have more written work/reports to complete than the ~~NSA~~ examiners do and the approval/QC process is very different. A huge headache was simply dealing with ~~QI~~ on generic issues such as pay, the (b)(7)(E) and the respective HQ offices (outside of poly) not responding or considering the fact that I was in a deployed environment-their lack of response was very frustrating. The inability for the (b)(7)(E) to interact caused communication barriers at times.

The physiology of the detainees was usually horrible due to their lack of sleep, eating, depression, and extreme temperatures. The constant "outside noise" of planes, helicopters, firing of weapons for training or response, mortars or alarms was very distracting to the detainee's and myself as an examiner.

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

9.

The response from HQ and the priority I felt I received if I needed an answer quickly worked very well. As a relatively new examiner I was faced with unorthodox testing techniques or travel requests and I was given the freedom to make my own decisions but I was also provided guidance to operate within certain boundaries. Communicating with the other deployed examiners to find out what pre-test discussions/questions etc. they were using helped as well.

OMIT The generosity of EDET 2408 in providing us a vehicle was extremely useful. I was able to move freely from the JIDC to the RPC complex and to and from work without utilizing the bus or checking out an ICE vehicle. The EDET was down to three of their own vehicles for their 10-12 personnel and might not always be able to provide the Cropper examiners with the van in the future which would be a huge detriment to helping out the RPC elements.

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. -1

- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. -1
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. 0
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. 1
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. 1
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. 0
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. 0
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. 1
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. -1
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. 1
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). 1
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. 1
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. -1
- n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ/DOZP~~. -1
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. -1
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. 0
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. 0
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. 1
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. 0
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. -1
- u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. 0

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: 0

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 1.5

12: Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 3.5

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned

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1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: ~~Balad AB, IZ~~, 26 Dec 06 – 22 Apr 07

2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 262

~~SOURCE (Asset): 25~~

~~CSP: 0~~

~~OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 0~~

~~CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 0~~

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 25

4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?

Ans: Fantastic

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

OMT (Ans: Classified. I completed numerous exams concerning Al Qa'Ida in Iraq and other insurgent groups. The exams saved lives and contributed to the deaths and captures of many insurgent leaders and operatives.)

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

Ans: N/A, all the exams were important. I instituted a very strict screening process which eliminated frivolous polygraphs.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

Ans: When I arrived I was fielding up to 8 polygraph requests per day and many of them were not necessary or too early in reference to the duration that the Detainee had been in captivity.

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

Ans: I enhanced my own ability to conduct polygraphs by instituting and following the following rules concerning polygraph support.

- a. For detainee operations I used a 2 Question MQGT. Single Issue
- b. Only tested one issue per session. The analyst decided the issue (W/my help)
- c. A Detainee could only be tested 2 times while in custody.
- d. Detainees must have been interrogated multiple times before considering a polygraph.
- d. If the interrogators told a NDI or NOOP Detainee that they failed a test, they could not be tested again.
- e. No official polygraph request (On paper), there was just not enough times.
- f. I insisted that the questions be agreed upon before the analysts/interrogators went to lunch. Otherwise I would chase them down all day.
- h. I sent e-mails out routinely explaining and reinforcing polygraph policies.

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. +1 The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission.
- b. +1 The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters.
- c. -1 At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized.
- d. -1 At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly (at the beginning).
- e. +1 The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory.
- f. -1 The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners.
- g. +1 I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph.
- h. -1 I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support.
- i. +1 At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases.
- j. +1 At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment.
- k. -1 I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners).
- l. +1 During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly (FBI/OGA/INSCOM).
- m. -1 During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems.
- n. -1 All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ/DOEP~~. (There is not enough time to wait)
- o. +1 Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary.
- p. +1 The mission I supported was clearly defined.
- q. +1 I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission.
- r. +1 I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command.
- s. +1 I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized.
- t. +1 From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue.

u. +1 From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue.

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: 0

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 1 Year and 1 month at the start of the deployment.

12. Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 7 years at the start of the deployment.

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

Ans: The success of the individual polygraph examiner at the ~~Task Force in Balad~~ depends on that individual and his or her ~~SOI~~ and ~~IS~~ partners. There is very little that ~~SOI~~ can do for them once they are out there. When I arrived polygraph was not being used properly. Detainees were polygraphed too often, the questions were not very specific, assets were being polygraphed every couple of months, polygraph was being used as a crutch to avoid necessary interrogations. I instituted rules that I explained were non-negotiable and the unit was very cooperative. If a non-assertive person was to be assigned there, I fear that it would take very little time to revert back to where it was when I got there which was bad for business.

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: JIDC, Camp Cropper, IRAQ/4 Sep 06 to 18 Jan 07.

2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 50

SOURCE: 0

CSP: 0

OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 0

CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 0

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 1

4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?

I wouldn't want to generalize any assessment. Obviously some of the examinations were of greater value to the requester than others. Those that were based on specific valid information that used targeted questions were useful. We got good positive feedback from some of the investigators and interrogators about some of these examinations. They were very grateful for our support.

At various times some of the commanders or others in the hierarchy decided that everyone who was going to be released needed the examination even if there was no specific information connecting them with a criminal or terrorist act. These are the exams that used questions of a general "screening" nature, and I think were pretty near useless. We discouraged these requests and the command came on board with our thinking. But every time you get new staff in the JIDC you have to go through the same training.

We had another type of request that was a problem. These were requests where certain evidence was attributed to a particular detainee, but as we dug into the facts we found that the information was not as solid as we had been led to believe. In one request for instance, I was told that when a particular detainee was rolled up a large cache of weapons was seized in his home. It supposedly included many weapons, explosives, and IED belts. When I questioned the interrogator about this, I asked him what he wanted to accomplish with a polygraph examination. He told me then that in fact what had occurred was that several people in several homes in a neighborhood were rolled up at the same time. The "weapons cache" was either an accumulation of weapons found in all the homes, or was found in one of the homes but attributed to each of the individuals detained at the same time. The interrogator told me that these ambiguous reports are not unusual from the field units. He told me that it could very well be that this particular detainee didn't have any weapons at all in his home. As a result of this case, I became very suspicious of the field reports in the cases I ran.

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

I think I addressed this in general terms above. Probably the most important exams that I was a part of were those that had high interest and/or were the result of extensive investigations. In one very high interest case involving the construction of a certain type of IED, I got a pretest admission that resolved the issue. (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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There were about three cases where I got pretest admissions that were significant.

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

Those pre-release no information screening examinations were the least useful. Another important point here is that examiners were not allowed to conduct post-test interviews. For this reason we would just turn the results over to the interrogators. In many cases, the approach of the interrogators to the post test examination was probably not done in the most effective way. We tried to explain how to approach the post test, but the interrogators generally resort to their training.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

Chain of command was generally very supportive of the polygraph examinations. I've discussed the quality of the requests above.

The proper use of the interpreters is a major concern. Some of the interpreters are much more proficient than others and there is large turnover of interpreters at the JIDC. It would have been nice if we could have had one or two interpreters assigned to us, or only used those who most experienced, but that was not possible. We had a couple of exams that went bad because of the interpreters. We are very dependent on their skill level. Frequently the most experienced and proficient interpreters are drawn away to other organizations because they can get a higher category and make more money. Apparently the JIDC is not high on the priority list when it comes to assigning interpreters.

I got the impression that the interpreters are given little if any polygraph orientation in their 97 Echo training. I think that might be helpful.

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

I always felt totally supported by the commanders staff.

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. +1
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. +1
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. +1
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. +1
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. +1
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. -1
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. +1
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. 0
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. -1
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. +1
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). +1
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. +1
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. +1
- n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ/DOZP~~. +1
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. +1
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. +1
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. +1
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. +1
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. +1
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. +1
- u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. +1

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: 0

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 19

12. Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 39

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

(9c). The polygraph is over utilized when someone in the hierarchy decides that it should be used to screen every departing detainee as they go out the door. We fought this battle with some degree of success. But as I was leaving, a new unit had come in and they were talking about requiring the same thing. I'm certain that SA (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) has had to re-engage that battle since I've left.

(9d.) See 9c above. I think it could have been used better if the interrogators had a better sense of how to interrogate based on a polygraph or if the examiners had been able to participate in those interrogations.

(9k, 9l and 9m.) I worked with two examiners from the NSA while there. They were both very good examiners but there were some issues that came up that might have been resolved in a joint polygraph office environment.

The NSA examiners do not have a quality control process set up for their examiners at the JIDC. Their examinations are not reviewed by anyone, are not sent forward to their headquarters, and are not filed in any data base.

Their exams are not approved ahead of time either. That particular issue created some misunderstanding with the host officials. They couldn't understand why I had to have my exams approved but the NSA examiners did not. We tried not to advertise this, but it was inevitable that the host folks would figure it out when they came up with short suspense requests.

Since the NSA examiners didn't have a QC check of their work, and since they are not as familiar with using PLC formats, there were some problems with some of their tests. I picked up on this when I first got there and had a discussion with one of their examiners over the evaluation of a BZCT I had watched. He was confused about the criteria for making a DI call. Since I had taken my Federal Examiner's Handbook to Iraq with me, I was able to use it to clarify the issue rather than getting into an argument. I left the handbook in the office and made it available to him and his successor to use as they saw fit.

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C) told me that she had gotten into a disagreement with one of the NSA guys as they reviewed each others charts and so they stopped looking at each others work.

(9n.) The change in the policy to have pre-approval caused a bit of consternation on the part of the command officials, including (b)(6) (b)(7)(C). I explained the approval as being part of the entire QC policy and as being a re-assertion of a previous policy, not something new, and that seemed to help a bit. It did create a couple of problems when short suspense exams would come up, generally over a weekend. I

knew that home phone numbers were available but I was reluctant to disturb you at home. We generally tried to deal with that by having the ~~NSA~~ examiner run those exams.

(9p). The mission at the JIDC is very clear. The examination I ran were in support of that mission. The mission became a bit murkier when we left the compound. Other units in the Victory Base Complex requested our help and we would help them if we had time. The number of their requests got to the point where we had to insert Colonel (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) between us and the other units. He basically deliberated on when we would leave to some other VBC location.

omit (The mission was altered considerably when got involved in the Iraqi National Police vetting project. This was a very high interest issue on part of the MNF people. This is a completely new mission and one that will continue for several months, requiring a flight to a location remote from Baghdad.)

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned - (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: **BALAD, IRAQ 28 Aug 06 – 29 Dec 06**
2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 240

SOURCE: 1

~~CSP: 5~~

~~OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 0~~

~~CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 0~~

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 8
4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?

Extremely important and useful in evaluating operations and actionable intelligence. Gave operators confidence in their assessments.

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

DMT (**Several exams supporting the "destruction/bringing down" of approximately 80% of a major terrorist organization operating in the Middle East.**)

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

Many times I was asked to polygraph individuals using screening "have you ever" type questions, vice examining them on a specific issue. No matter the results, the exam gave the examiner no confidence in their call/evaluation.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

Interpreter problems were the most difficult issues to deal with. Many times their customs were in the way of productivity. They were not controlled by the examiners and often times argued over who would "have to" translate for the examiners. Many interpreters were not fluent in the written Arabic language, precluding them being used by polygraph. They could not translate questions from English to Arabic and back again.

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

Having dedicated interpreters for the polygraph function would have been extremely helpful. It was very difficult having to train on almost a daily basis. I was required to take the next interpreter "in-line" versus one who trained.

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. **+1**
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. **+1**
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. **-1**
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. **0**
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. **+1**
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. **-1**
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. **+1**
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. **-1**
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. **+1**
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. **+1**
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). **0**
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. **+1**
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. **-1**
- n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ/DOZP~~. **-1**
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. **+1**
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. **+1**
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. **+1**
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. **-1**
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. **-1**
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. **+1**
- u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. **+1**

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment:

115 on first deployment, none prior to first deployment

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI):

3 years prior to first deployment

12: Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC):

15 years

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

Glad to serve, will volunteer when necessary to deploy again.

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned -

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: Iraq/25 Jun 06 –present
2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:
DETAINEE: 16
~~SOURCE: 0~~
~~CSP: 3~~
~~OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 0~~
~~CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 0~~
3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 0
4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?
Polygraph is a valuable tool and aids in the investigative process, if used properly.
5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

The exams I felt were important were the ones that aided in the release of falsely accused persons. Many of these individuals were detained because of a single source. Based on the results of the polygraph, many of these individuals were release and sent home.

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

The exams I feel were least valuable were the ones where the Requestor clearly knows the answers. Many times Detainees will recant all the information they had previously provided the interrogator. There typically is multiple source reporting or substantial evidence on the individual. It is clear that a polygraph is not needed. However, many Requestors will continue to press the issues that a polygraph is needed because they are unsure if the Detainee is being truthful. However, once the Detainee is given the test, the Examiner will typically say "I knew it" or "Are you sure? Because the report says this"

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

In my opinion the following are the most limiting:

- **Examinee does not always understand the ACQT, Symptomatic 3SY (BZCT) , and Sacrifice Relevant Question**
- **Use of interpreter and the translations of questions (sometimes this can be very daunting trying to ensure you have an appropriate question)**
- **Limited number of request**
- **The Office Environment should be a proper work space. It should not be shared with doctors (We do not need to hear medical issues of those deployed at the location.**
- **There should be a QC on location—this person can handle all administrative issues that arise (give timely QAR, attend meeting, disseminate exams equally, etc)**

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

- **Going by lessons learned of previous deployed Examiners**

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

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| a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. | -1 |
| b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. | 0 |
| c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. | -1 |
| d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. | +1 |
| e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. | +1 |
| f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. | +1 |
| g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. | +1 |
| h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. | -1 |
| i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. | 0 |
| j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. | 0 |
| k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). | +1 |
| l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. | +1 |
| m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. | -1 |
| n. All exam requests should be approved at HQ /DOZP. | -1 |
| o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. | +1 |
| p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. | 0 |
| q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. | +1 |
| r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. | +1 |
| s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. | -1 |

t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. -1

u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. 0

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: previous deployment (110+) prior to that deployment (0)

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 5 years

12: Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 7

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned -

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: ~~ISA Anaconda/Balad AB~~ Iraq
2. Approximate number of examinations conducted: ~~Dec 2015 - Apr 06~~

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| DETAINEE: | 250 |
| SOURCE: | 0 |
| CSP: | 0 |
| OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: | 20 |
| GRIM SUBSTANTIVE: | 0 |

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 40 days
4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?

The support we provided as JSOC/SOCOM polygraph examiners was first rate. I believe we accomplished all that we were tasked to accomplish and then some. My concern with conducting polygraph exams in that environment is with the responses by the "decision makers/~~operators~~" regarding our results. Quite often results were rationalized by the "decision makers/~~operators~~" I.e. the "~~Syrians~~ have been trained to beat the polygraph that's why he/she passed" or if the "decision makers wanted someone to pass and they failed the exam you might hear "well, we have had problems with that interpreter in the past so they probably did not fully understand the question." So, if the "decision makers/~~operators~~" are going to rationalize or disregard any result that does not fit the planned scenario why do they request we provide them with polygraph services?

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

In general the exams associated with the repatriation of

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

When "~~operators~~" would capture a group of individuals for being in an area of the river they deemed no one should be in. Then request that we conduct polygraph exams to determine if they have attacked coalition forces. Again the request for polygraph support was strictly based up the "~~operators~~" stating that no one should be on that part of the river. Especially when no items were seized nor was any intelligence collected or provided to suggest that those individuals were anything other than fishermen.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

The limiting factors that I experienced were the number of request and the number of exams that could actually be conducted. For ~~JSOC/SOCOM~~ polygraph was a tool that they wanted to use on almost every detainee. Every detainee simply could not be polygraphed in the limited amount of time that we had available. Additionally, attempting to explain to the decision makers/~~operators~~ that 20 questions/issues could not be addressed per exam was often times quite frustrating.

omit [I know that I was the only polygraph examiner at the ~~JSOC/SOCOM~~ location but I was not the only AFOSI agent at the location and an OSI vehicle would have been extremely helpful and it would have made life a lot more convenient. On our limited down time if one needed/wanted to run to the BX/PX, CHOW, Etc. we had to ask the ARMY Sergeant Major for use of his vehicle and depending upon his mood determined if you were "allowed" to have the vehicle or not.

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

Having most of the examinees/detainees ~~at the location~~ helped expedite the process.

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

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| a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. | +1 |
| b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. | +0 |
| c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. | -1 |
| d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. | +0 |
| e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. | +0 |
| f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. | -1 |
| g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. | +1 |
| h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. | -1 |
| i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. | +0 |
| j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. | +0 |
| k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). | +1 |
| l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. | +0 |
| m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. | +0 |

- n. All exam requests should be approved at HQ/DOZP. -1
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. +1
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. +1
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. +1
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. -0
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. -0
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. +0
- u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. +0

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment:

Zero

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 2+

12. Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 5

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

OMIT

~~I stated this earlier but bears repeating: I know that I was the only polygraph examiner at the JSOC/SOCOM location but I was not the only AFOSI agent at the location and an OSI vehicle would have been extremely helpful and it would have made life a lot more convenient.~~ On our limited down time if one needed/wanted to run to the BX/PX, CHOW, Etc. we had to ask the ARMY Sergeant Major for use of his vehicle and depending upon his mood determined if you were "allowed" to have the vehicle or not.

OMIT

Also, please consider who is sent to the JSOC/SOCOM location. The ARMY is not at all concerned about how you feel and public displays of reprimand are the norm. A strong willed person should be sent to the JSOC/SOCOM location. Someone who is not afraid to tell an ARMY Sergeant Major "you can kiss my ass...I'm not shaving my goatee!"

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned: SA

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: 24th EFIS, Al Udeid AB, Qatar, 19 Aug 05 – 2 Feb 06

2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 6 ~~Insurgent Exams~~

SOURCE: 18 ~~CS Exams~~

CSP: 12 ~~CSP exams~~

OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 8 ~~CI issue exams~~

CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 1 ~~Criminal issue exam~~

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour:

Tour length: 168 days.

Operational days in Iraq: 111

Operational days in Afghanistan: 5.

4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?

omit { Polygraph support invaluable for assessing veracity of information and security of operations involving AFOSI CS network. Several agencies acted upon results of polygraph efforts to conduct missions in OIF/OEF areas of operations.

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

omit { Polygraphed insurgent suspected of setting IED which killed Army driver and wounded 3 OSI personnel. Insurgent indicated deception to multiple exams. Post-test interview netted critical intelligence on 4 insurgent cells; received identities of 24 insurgents, weapons caches and modus operandi. Invaluable information to deployed units Global War on Terrorism

Polygraph of AFOSI CS in Iraq disclosed CS was providing operational intelligence to hostile country. CS indicated deception to exam. Results confirmed by other agency's electronic surveillance that CS was double agent, reporting collections on US troops and operations to leader of hostile country intelligence/terrorist agency.

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

None.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

Travel - Operating from Al Udeid, Qatar to areas within OIF and OEF were difficult. Depending on availability of missions, travel could take several days to complete. This impacted timeliness of service. I resided mostly at Balad AB during my deployment, as available of travel to OIF locations from Balad were more abundant.

Linguists - Availability of qualified linguists (those who spoke the Iraqi dialect) was occasionally a problem. ~~Due to oversight of HQ AFOSI personnel who renegotiated the linguist contract after Worldwide lost the contract, they did not take into account the requirement for the contracted linguists to be able to speak the Iraqi dialect. During the renegotiation, all new linguists were required to have a security clearance. That is why Worldwide lost the contract, because they did not follow through and obtain clearances for their linguists. We could have provided Counterintelligence Security Polygraphs on the linguists we had in place. This impacted my mission for several weeks, while qualified linguists were obtained.~~ Once in place, almost all of the new linguists had to be trained on operational processes of the polygraph.

Religion - My mission was impacted due to Ramadan and the Hajj taking place during my tour. There were several exams which were cancelled and rescheduled due to ~~ess~~ inability to take the exam because of their observance of these religious events.

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

Most locations visited had adequate facilities in which to conduct examinations.

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. (+1)
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. (+1)
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. (-1)
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. (0)
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. (+1)
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. (0)
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. (-1)

- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. (+1)
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. (+1)
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. (+1)
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). (-1)
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. (0)
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. (0)
- n. All exam requests should be approved at HQ/DOZP. (-1)
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. (+1)
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. (0)
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. (+1)
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. (+1)
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. (+1)
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. (0)
- u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. (+1)

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment:

12 interpreter exams conducted prior to my deployment.

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI):

14 years polygraph experience (Graduated DoDPI in Nov 91)

12: Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC):

27 years agent experience (Graduated AFOSIA in June 1979)

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned -

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: 9 Sep 05 – 21 Jan 06
2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 110

SOURCE: 0

CSP: 1

OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 20

CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 0

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 20
4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?
My professional opinion is that there is little validity, thus little value to polygraph in the deployed environment.
5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

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At Abu Ghraib, the polygraph results had no impact on disposition of the detainee.

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.
In the majority of cases at Abu Ghraib, interrogators would request exams on detainees they already knew through a preponderance of evidence were guilty of the matter in question. Interrogators wanted to use the failed polygraph (what they suspected would be a failed polygraph) as a "hammer" to use in post-test questioning. I cannot think of one instance in which a detainee, who had previously denied allegations against him, capitulated following a polygraph exam.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc).

There are a host of problems associated with conducting exams in deployed environments (other than the lack of validity) and hard to pinpoint any one thing. Outside noise seemed to be an ongoing problem along with having to use an interpreter and never being certain of what is being said or how it is being said (voice inflections, etc).

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. **-1**
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. **-1**
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. **1**
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. **1**
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. **1**
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. **1**
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. **1**
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support.
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. **-1**
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. **1**
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). **0**
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. **0**
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. **-1**
- n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ/DOZP~~. **1**
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. **-1**
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. **1**
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. **1**
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. **1**
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. **1**
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. **-1**

u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue.-1

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: 0

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 7

12: Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 16

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

I found that polygraph was being utilized improperly and seemed to be something of a checklist item. Results did not seem to have any influence on disposition of detainees. I encountered nothing but difficulty with the exams I administered and I have no reason to have any confidence the results were valid. I would attribute these problems to a host of reasons: bad environment, problems with interpreters and cultural differences. I offer than anyone who denies culture plays a part in effecting validity has never done such an exam. Everything done in polygraph is based on some research. To my knowledge there has never been any research on doing these type of exams. We assume it works but experience tells us otherwise. If polygraph produced the similar results for stateside exams, we wouldn't be doing polygraphs. There was not one instance in which I would have felt comfortable advising someone to take action based on the exam results.

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Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned -

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: Sep 05-Jan 06

2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 110

~~SOURCE: 6~~

~~CSP: 0~~

~~OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 12~~

~~CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 0~~

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 10

4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided? Depending on the mission location the support ranged from marginal to very valuable. The static location in my opinion did not properly use the polygraph to assist in gathering tactical or strategic information. None of the information was acted on in a timely manners especially if it did not conform to preconceived ideas. The information gathered in the field was utilized effectively and thus added to mission goals.

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

(b)(7)(E)

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

Pick any of the exams conducted at static location requested simply to complete a checklist prior to processing. I was told many times that the results were not important they were only filling a square.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

The primary limiting factors would be the quality of the exam requests, number of exams and true understanding of what the polygraph could provide. A brand new unit arrived and received training in the interrogation mission to include use of polygraph. However, we were not allowed to provide training or answer questions it was believed the Army E-6 better understood the benefits polygraph could provide.

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

Nothing comes to mind!

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. (0)
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. (0)
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. (0)
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. (+1)
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. (+1)
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. (-1)
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. (+1)
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. (-1)
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. (0)
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. (+1)
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). (-1)
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly N/A.
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems N/A.
- n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ~~ ~~DOZP~~. (-1)
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. (+1)
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. (+1)
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. (+1)
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. (+1)
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized.

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- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. (+1)
- u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. (+1)

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: 0

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 11

12: Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 20

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned -

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates:
14 May -18 Sep 05
2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 75

~~SOURCE: 0~~

~~CSP: 3~~

~~OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 17~~

~~CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: 0~~

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour:
Approximately 45 days traveling around Iraq

4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided? My personal belief is that polygraph does not work as well as expected when dealing with different cultures, ideologies and beliefs. I feel comparative questions have different values with different societies. We (DoD) forget that polygraph is just one of many tools used to elicit information and should not be used as the know all—end all as its being used in Iraq.

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

Most of the good confessions I obtained occurred due to dialogue prior to utilizing the polygraph. Although, some confessions did occur after the examination. I recall a few interviews and examinations:

- 02/11
- 1) Pretest interview and confession of a bee farmer/terrorist involved in kidnapping United States (US) citizens in Iraq -- Kidnapper initially denied having and knowledge of abductee's location. He later recanted his story and stated abductee was alive the last time he saw him-- Interrogative persistence revealed names, locations and residences of all family members acutely involved
 - 2) Provided polygraph for Army Military Intelligence—Pre-examination confession of insurgent smuggled into Iraq -- Interrogation revealed computer savvy insurgents instructed him on Microsoft Windows and other computer applications wherein he read and recited current and future terrorist operations against US and Iraqi forces -- Eight Intelligence Information Reports of information obtained; revealed dates, tactics and methodologies
 - 3) Provided polygraph for Central Intelligence Agency case—Pre-examination confession obtained critical information from European insurgent of Arab dissent who

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(revealed state sponsored terrorist training in methods of assassination and kidnapping of high profile targets, terrorist tactics, locations, logistical and targeting information.

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

The examinations used to clear DETAINEES prior to release. Just fishing trips...

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

I felt overall, the conditions were quite accommodating for Polygraph. As far as living conditions, they were a lot better than sleeping in a tent. No complaints.

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

(b)(7)(E)

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

(-1) (small percentage) a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission.

(-1) b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters.

(+1) c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized.

(+1) d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly.

(+1) e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory.

(-1) f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners.

(+1) g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph.

(0) h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support.

(-1) i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases.

(+1) j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment.

(+1) k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners).

(+1) l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly.

(-1) m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems.

(-1) n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ/DOZP~~.

(+1) o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary.

(0) p. The mission I supported was clearly defined.

(+1) q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission.

(+1) r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command.

(-1) s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized.

(-1) t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue.

(+1) u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue.

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment:

2 exams

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI):

3 years

12: Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC):

6 years

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

None

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned - (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: 24EFIS, Al Udied AB, Qatar (servicing entire AOR), 6 May- 20 Aug 05.

2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: Initial Detainee: 10

~~SOURCE: 10~~

~~CSP:~~

~~OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: 20~~

~~CRIM SUBSTANTIVE:~~

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 80

4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?

Polygraph Support is vital to this war on Terrorism. Specifically, assessing ~~Source information~~ or ascertaining involvement of "detained" individuals. I was successful in both of these endeavors.

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

My "favorite" exam was a Source who claimed abduction and threat of being killed to explain why he couldn't provide the IED he was to "buy" and why he didn't have the money OSI gave him to "buy" it. Source "endured" several hour "interview" by local authorities and maintained he was truthful.. After failing the polygraph, he confessed to using the money to buy medications for his ailing father and denied having any "first-hand" knowledge to buy IED. He also admitted fabricating the abduction.

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

I believe I "cleared" an old man of involvement and believe he was wrongly "fingered" by a jealous neighbor. However, despite the "results" he was sent to Abu Grab prison. I feel my test result was ignored.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

For me, travel arrangements was a limiting factor (albeit an unresolvable situation, unless OSI gets a dedicated aircraft). At least at Balad AB, IZ, there were options (USAF C-130, USA "Sherpa" or USA Helicopter). I found the living arrangements

to be adequate, considering you're "camping", when you reflect on the young troops living arrangements "on the front".

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

I was fortunate to have had motivated interpreters. Without them we can't do the job (without language/culture knowledge).

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. (+1)
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. (+1)
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. (-1)
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. (+1)
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. (+1)
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. **(I was in a TDY status)**
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. **(I don't have a reference to compare; however, I wouldn't want to do "prison exams" the way they are conducted no (i.e. no posttest interview by Examiner.)**
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. **(+1—That's all I know and I liked it)**
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. (+1)
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. (+1)
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). **(+1; if all the "professionals" are doing exams)**
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. **(Didn't work with others)**
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. **(Didn't work with any)**
- n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ/DOZP~~. **(-1, there are numerous times that the decision/opportunity/need for polygraph was immediate and waiting for ~~DOZP~~ "blessing" would have been impractical)**
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. (+1)
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. (+1)
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. (+1)
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. (+1)
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. (+1)
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. **(0; In my opinion, not the way it's used currently-not allowing the Examiner opportunity to posttest detainee)**

u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. (+1)

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: I would "WAG" 25; from working in ~~RP, Japan and Korea~~ over the years

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 19 years in "field work"

12: Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 26 years

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: ~~ISOC~~ Jan-May 2005

2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

65=DETAINEE:

~~25=SOURCE?~~

~~0=CSP.~~

~~0=OTHER SCREENING/VETTING:~~

~~0=CRIM SUBSTANTIVE:~~

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 30-40?

4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided? I believe there was a valid use of polygraph for both ~~the SOURCE~~ and DETAINEE exams. There were real issues that needed to be resolved and in an environment where much of what was said by ~~the SOURCE~~ or DETAINEE was required to be verified to ensure the safety of others (Coalition Forces) were paramount.

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams. Nothing specific stands out from my tour.

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary. Nothing specific stands out from my tour.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc) There always seemed to be a shortage of interpreters and office space with a computer to work on for typing reports. There were efforts being done to establish additional work space and obtaining additional computers but the amount of interpreters never really increased. Also, there was definitely a difference in the level of interpreter experience. Some knew the language and some had a hard time. Finding a good power source in some locations were tough at times. A generator was required at one location. At Abu G there seemed to be a lot of interruptions from other agency folks when your trying to conduct exams within a reasonable time.

Living conditions were always a rough situation no matter what location!

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?) A knowledgeable interpreter, good working conditions (not too dusty/smoky) and plenty of time to run a good exam.

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. +1
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. +1
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. 0
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. 0
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. +1
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. 0
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. +1
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. 0
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. +1
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. +1
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). 0
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. 0
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. 0
- n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ/DOZP~~. -1
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. +1
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. +1
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. +1 & -1
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. +1
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized.+1
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. 0
- u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. +1

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: 0

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 3.5

12: Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 7

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad. None

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned -

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: JIDC Abu Ghraib/Camp Cropper—4 May 06 – 6 Sep 06

2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 60

~~SOURCE: 3~~

3. 6 operational travel days during tour. TDY to Camp Bucca Prison facility

4. The polygraph support was

OMIT (5. I conducted a test of a SOURCE that has indirect access to the top five HVT's in Iraq to verify the information he was providing was accurate and timely

6. There were many tests conducted for the JIDC at Abu Ghraib and Camp Cropper that did not seem to have an impact on the mission here. Many tests were conducted and the interrogators failed to immediately approach the DETAINEE about the failure and I was not allowed to conduct any interrogations after the polygraph tests

7. The most limiting factor to what I would consider a fruitful mission is the examiners are not allowed to conduct any interrogations after the polygraph test. The Army is the lead on this operation and they have determined that, unless you have been to the Army interrogations course you are not qualified to conduct an interrogation at the JIDC. We have our hands tied and are only used to run a test and then hand everything over to the interrogators. Some of who are Air Force personnel that have been to the Army course just prior to coming over here. There is also resistance from some of the leadership in the interrogations branch about using or believing in polygraph and it working in this culture.

8. There have been very few conditions that have enhanced the ability to conduct examinations in the JIDC environment. Without the ability to immediately confront the DETAINEE's on the fail of the polygraph test and relying on the Army/Air Force trained interrogators is very frustrating. My personal opinion is, we should not be sending experienced examiners over to this mission if we are going to continue to have our hands tied and not able to do our jobs completely. It is extremely frustrating to not be able to do the entire job like we are trained to do anywhere else. In the real world, polygraph examiners are considered the better/experienced interrogators that do them all the time. In this environment, the Army feels we are not trained enough or can't do as good a job as them in interrogations.

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission. (+1)
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matters. (+1)
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized. (-1)
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly. (+1)
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory. (0)
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners. (-1)
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph. (+1)
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support. (-1)
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases. (+1)
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment. (-1)
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners). (0)
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly. (+1)
- m. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and there were problems. (-1)
- n. All exam requests should be approved at HQ/DOZP. (-1)
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary. (+1)
- p. The mission I supported was clearly defined. (+1)
- q. I had all the necessary resources and support (from my host) to perform the mission. (+1)
- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command. (+1)
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized. (+1)
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue. (+1)
- u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue. (+1)

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: (Previous Deployment 50 interpreter exams)

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 8 years

12. Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 10 Years

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.

Deployment Survey/Lessons Learned -

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

1. Deployment location/inclusive dates: ~~Balad AB~~, Iraq. 11 Apr – 5 Aug 06
2. Approximate number of examinations conducted:

DETAINEE: 153

SOURCE: ~~55~~

CSP: ~~0~~

OTHER SCREENING/VETTING: ~~0~~

CRIM SUBSTANTIVE: ~~0~~

3. Approximate number of operational travel days during your tour: 56
4. What is your personal assessment of the value of the polygraph support you provided?

OMIT (Some of the examinations I ran were directly responsible for developing operational targets in support of GWOT. But the vast majority of them were polygraph examinations requested because there was nothing else to do with the detainees.

5. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the most important or had the most impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the most helpful or had the greatest priority over other exams.

OMIT (Unfortunately I cannot speak to any of the examinations I conducted there. Suffice it to say though, that there were several I ran that were directly responsive to overall mission focus.

6. Give a brief synopsis (unclass) of the exam you feel was the least important or had the least impact during your deployment and why. If you can't think of a specific case, give a general description of the type of exam you feel was the least helpful or least necessary.

See # 5.

7. Describe your position on the most limiting operational factors (if any) you experienced re. the use of polygraph. (IE. Quality of exam requests/issues, number of requests, interpreter issues, suitability of testing locations and conditions, living arrangements, office environment, communication matters, chain of command, QC, etc)

I know for a fact that I experienced two false negatives while deployed to ~~Balad~~. I called two different examinees NDI, with perfectly NDI charts and no anomalies noted, only to later learn that those individuals confessed on subsequent interrogations. For this reason, I fear that some comparison questions (lie controls only) sometimes can overpower the relevant areas due to cultural feelings towards lying.

8. Opposite of above....describe your position on conditions that enhanced your ability (if any) to conduct examinations. (IE. What worked best?)

As our customers are not examiners and are not sure of what we can / should test, I created and ten-minute briefing to all of the analysts and interrogators to help them in formulating their testing issues. Otherwise, they would come to me to test some of the most off the wall issues imaginable. When I first got there, I was inundated with requests to run silly or trivial issues. After I "trained" them on what was a valid testable issue and what was not, these requests were minimized.

9. For the following statements assign values as follows: Disagree (-1), Neutral (0), Agree (+1). If the statement is not applicable enter a 0.

- a. The polygraph support I provided was essential to the mission.+1
- b. The polygraph results I provided were used to resolve matter.+1
- c. At my deployed location polygraph was over-utilized.+1
- d. At my deployed location polygraph was not utilized properly.-1 (but it would have been had I not set ground rules on the use of the polygraph)
- e. The support I received at my deployed location was satisfactory.0
- f. The polygraph support I provided could have been handled on a TDY basis and didn't require assigned examiners.-1
- g. I prefer a static location for conducting polygraph.+1
- h. I prefer in-country travel to provide polygraph support.-1
- i. At my deployed location polygraph was used correctly in most cases.+1
- j. At my deployed location I was the polygraph expert and my host unit respected my judgment.+1
- k. I would have preferred to work at a dedicated (joint) polygraph office staffed with polygraph professionals (supervisory/QC/Examiners).0
- l. During my deployment I worked with Examiners from other agencies and the arrangement went smoothly.+1
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- n. All exam requests should be approved at ~~HQ/DOZP~~.-1
- o. Approval of exam requests at my level was appropriate and necessary.+1
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- r. I was treated fairly and professionally by my host chain of command.+1
- s. I was a vital member of my host unit and my contributions were recognized.+1
- t. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of detainee operations and should continue.+1
- u. From my perspective, polygraph support is a vital element of CI/CT operations and should continue.+1

10. Give the approximate number of interpreter exams you conducted prior to your deployment: 2,000

11. Number of years polygraph experience (since grad from DoDPI): 10

12: Number of years agent experience (since grad from AFOSI Academy/FLETC): 12

13. Any comments related to your experience that explains your position on areas covered above (9a – u), good or bad.